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SUBJECT. WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION

THERE FOLLOWS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR TODAY'S BRIEFING
ON THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION:

"Q. HOW DID THE CONFERENCE END?

"A. THE CONFERENCE ENDED AT 4:15 A.M., SATURDAY,
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AUGUST 26, WITH THE ADOPTION OF A DRAFT DECLARATION AND
A PROGRAM OF ACTION. THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND NORWAY
WALKED OUT OF THE CONFERENCE AND DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN
THE ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION
BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE CONDEMNING ISRAEL.

"Q. WHAT WAS THE FINAL VOTE ADOPTING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION?

"A. THE FINAL VOTE WAS 88 IN FAVOR, 4 AGAINST (AUSTRIA, FINLAND, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN) AND 2 ABSTENTIONS (SAN MARINO, MALAWI). THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, CANADA, NEW

ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA AND NORWAY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL VOTE.

"Q. WAS THE ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE RAISED?

"A. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE EFFORTS TO EXPLICITLY REAFFIRM THE DEFINITION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM DURING THE CONFERENCE, THEY FAILED AND THE TEXT OF THE FINAL DECLARATION THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED DOES NOT CONTAIN A DEFINITION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM.

"Q. WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE?

"A. THE UNITED STATES DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE LINKAGE OF THE 1975 RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM AND RACISM WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM, OF WHICH THIS WAS A PART. WE FOLLOWED THE PROCEEDINGS CLOSELY, HOWEVER. WE WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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